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Barrett's Tomato Seeds

1908

High Grade TOMATO SEEDS

1908 Crop

Pure Stock.
Systematic Methods.
Extreme Care.
Personal Attention.

W. H. BARRETT, Adrian, Mich.

TERMS

June 1st acceptance, or 5 per cent discount for cash in 10 days from date of invoice

VARIETIES FOR 1908

Sparks' Earliana
Chalk's Early Jewel
Early Michigan
Acme
Beauty
Stone
Perfection
Paragon
Favorite
Royal Red
Matchless
Improved Trophy

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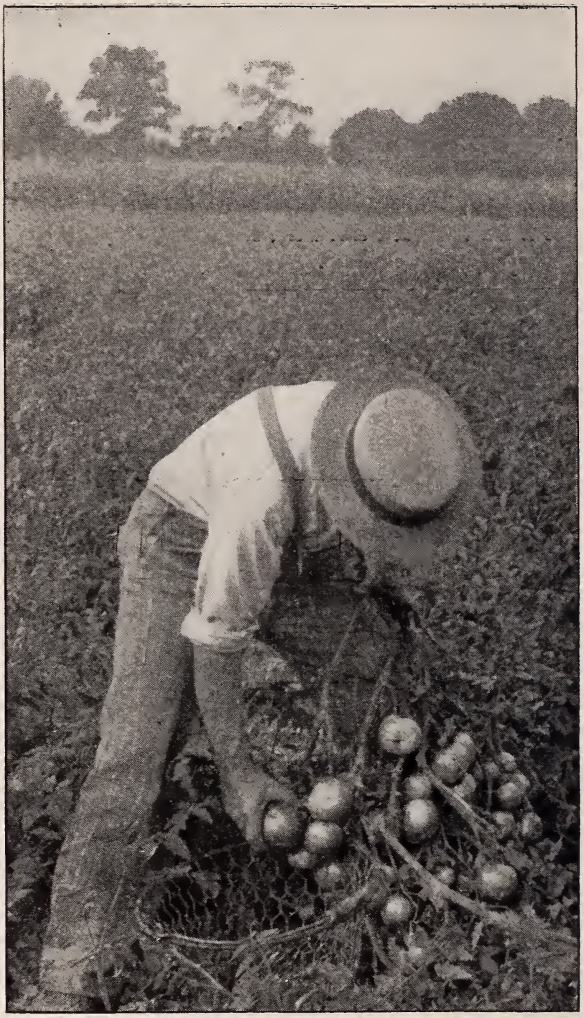

STONE—A STOCK PLAT

IN PRESENTING a list of a few of the standard and most desirable sorts of Tomato Seeds I can assure the wholesale seed trade that I am better than ever prepared to grow seeds of the very highest class.

I began the business with the determination that no doubtful seeds should be sent out and that there should be no substitution.

I have held to this policy and expect to continue it. My buyers have learned from experience that my seeds are just as pure and true to name as if they were grown under their own immediate personal supervision.

This policy has operated to limit the extent of the business. I have always had all the orders I could well take care of but expert and reliable help has been hard to

A Basket of ACME

secure. I could not buy seeds and I could not re-contract. Results would never then be certain.

For the purpose of securing stock seeds of the most desirable type and characteristics I now have a Stock Seed Department where we are doing careful and systematic work.

After determining the exact type for each variety, we select, the first year, a single plant. The seed from the best fruit from this single select plant is used the second year to produce a select plat. A selection

from the best vines and best fruit from this select plat furnishes seed for the stock plat of the third year. Thus each year we have the single select vine, the select plat and the stock plat, all selected after the most careful inspection and comparison.

The records show marked changes in all desirable characteristics, the improvement in size, form and regularity of fruit being clearly apparent even to a non-professional. The productiveness of all sorts has been increased, some of them as much as twenty-five per cent.

In order to insure purity I grow each variety in a locality by itself. The ripe tomatoes of each variety are delivered to a central and convenient point for that particular sort, where after careful inspection and the final rejection of undesirable types, all the seeding, curing and cleaning are done by my own experienced men, who have nothing to do with any sort other than their own.

Buildings, tools, machines and drying frames are separate and distinct for each sort.

STONE SAMPLES

It can be seen that each process from the selection and growing of the stock seeds to the final bagging is done according to a carefully managed system. Mistakes are next to impossible. If one occurs or if there is a doubt even, the lot of seeds involved is immediately destroyed.

By my method seeds are harvested from the first and best of the crop. I do not save or seed the small fruits or the late green ones.

The small lot of seeds you secure from a so-called "Grower", which have been re-contracted to the farmer may be, and usually is washed with the same tools just employed for an entirely different lot and sort. The two sorts may be dried at the same time and side by side.

The methods outlined have been developed during twenty years of successful growing of tomato seeds.

The result has been a constant growth, and a widening circle of good friends and satisfied customers.

I make the lowest prices possible consistant with the fine quality I produce.

I accept growing orders conservatively and do my best to deliver in full.

In case there is a surplus, I protect my trade by offering same at advanced prices.

TWO BEAUTIES

1908 CROP

Sparks' Earliana A smooth, deep red tomato. The vines are compact in growth, with short, close-jointed branches. This is an extra early tomato and the best so far produced. Very productive. Fruit fair size and firm. In 1905 test it ripened fruit in 108 days from date of sowing seed.

Chalk's Early Jewel A second or medium early sort. Later than Earliana. Vines vigorous and productive. Fruit solid and without hard core. Color, bright scarlet.

Early Michigan vines large, with large, dark green leaves, vigorous and productive, being under high culture one of the heaviest croppers; fruit medium size to large, and, unlike most varieties, grows larger as the season advances, perfectly smooth, solid, but without any core; deep, rich red color, and of excellent flavor. Its first fruits are very early, but the vines continue to bear for a long time.

Acme Vine hardy and productive. Fruit in clusters of four or five, round, smooth and of good size; flesh solid and of excellent flavor. There is no better variety for market gardeners who want an early purple fruited sort.

Beauty Vines large, vigorous and heavy bearers; fruit large, uniform in size, very smooth, and excellent flavor; color purplish pink.

Stone Vines vigorous and productive; fruit large, smooth, deep red in color, and very heavy. The best all around variety where earliness is not important.

A ROW OF TRIALS

Perfection A smooth, blood red tomato. Ripens with Acme, and a week or ten days earlier than the Stone. A desirable sort for gardeners who require a red tomato.

Paragon Livingston says: "Many gardeners, canners, and catsup makers will have no other. It is a large variety, larger than several of the standard kinds cultivated. An immense cropper. Flesh solid, well colored and flavored. Ripens between the early and late varieties, grows vigorously, and no variety holds its size better late in the season. Color of skin, glossy deep red."

Favorite This is a very popular variety. Fruit dark red color, smooth; flesh firm, and fine flavored. A very heavy cropper.

Royal Red Vines stronger and more vigorous than the Favorite. Fruit large and bright red.

Matchless The color is rich cardinal red. The skin is so tough that it is a splendid keeper and shipper, and is less liable to crack in wet weather than any other large tomato. Unsurpassed for market or for table. The plant is a strong grower, and is very productive, bearing with undiminished vigor until frost. The fruit is free from core, and the seed spaces are comparatively small.

Improved Trophy Vines large, vigorous and productive. Fruit deep, rich red, solid, smooth and fine flavored.

In asking for prices for growing, please give an estimate of your probable needs of the different sorts.

W. H. BARRETT,
Adrian, Mich.

FAVORITE—1906 STOCK PLAT